

REMARKS

With respect to the drawings, new drawings are provided. With respect to Figure 6, the reference number “(6)” has been changed to “(1)” and reference number “(6)” and a corresponding lead line has been added. Figure 1 shows the assembled device, and Figure 6 could be taken through any location of the protrusions (14). The O-ring (12), fastener means (7), side wall (9) protruding beyond the horizontal plate (10) to define a protruding portion, and protrusion (14) are clearly shown in at least Figure 6. The base plate in the form of a wedge was canceled from the claims without prejudice to amending the drawings to show such feature.

The claims have been amended to overcome the objections and rejections under 35 USC § 112 thereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Please note that the International Patent No. WO 02/071049 incorrectly identifies the inventors. Correction of inventorship was requested of WIPO on January 2, 2002 and also on September 17, 2003 (pursuant to the attached). As WO 02/071049 is of the current applicants and has an effective filing date only two days before the present application, the rejection based thereon should be removed.

Jones does not show the recited base plate which is planar and the particular construction of the retaining rim to define a space for the O-ring in a manner as recited in claim 1. Favorable consideration of the rejection of the claims of the present application based upon Jones is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 4, 6-12, 15-18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28-34, 37, 38, 40 and 41 further define the present invention in a manner to distinguish over the prior art. As an example, Jones clearly does not suggest the rubber strip 11 recited in claim 41. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has cited the Patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as B-L and O. By the lack of application of these references and others like them within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Therefore, since the claims of the present application have been shown to include limitations directed to the features of applicants’ gel processing and transfer device which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in any of the references cited by the Examiner, whether those references are taken singly or in any combination, the Examiner is requested to


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allow claims 1, 3, 4, 6-12, 15-18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28-34, 37, 38, 40 and 41, as amended, of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

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Our Ref.: File No.PCT0063

Dear Dr. Zahra,

We thank you for your letter of September 12, 2002 along with the PCT Publication.

We have noticed that the PCT office has not taken on record our letter dated January 02, 2002 requesting you to bring on record the correct names of inventors.

We are enclosing herewith a replacement sheet embodying the correction and a letter accompanying the replacement sheet, which shall draw attention to the difference between the replaced sheet and the replacement sheet.

The details are as follows:

- i) PCT Request Form pages 1 and 2 the inventors names "THAKUR, Rajesh; SOOD, Anil; and AHUJA, Paramvir, Singh" replaced by "KUMAR, Sanjay and VYAS, Dhiraj"

Kindly see the attached Power of Attorney signed by the two inventors which was sent with our letter dated January 02, 2002.

The Authorized Officer is respectfully requested to take the above documents on record and provide us a revised front page of the PCT Publication so that we can able to submit the same during the national phase entries.

Yours faithfully,

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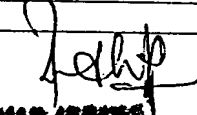
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